



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Applicants:** Rengarajan et al.

**Examiner:** Tran, T.

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**For:** **RECESSED SHALLOW TRENCH ISOLATION STRUCTURE  
NITRIDE LINER AND METHOD OF MAKING SAME**

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